

# AIRBOAT IS LAUNCHED TO CROSS ATLANTIC

[By Special Wire to the Courier]

HAMMONDSPORT, N.Y., June 23.—On the sixth attempt a bottle of champagne from grapes grown on the hills near Hammondsport was smashed late yesterday afternoon, and Rodman Wanamaker's flying boat was christened the "America," which is to attempt a flight across the Atlantic in July. At 6.21 the big red airboat, fully rigged with its seventy-two feet spread of wings, was launched in Lake Keuka.

It was so late when the America was christened that the trial flight was postponed until to-day. A large American and a small American banner were raised over the cabin of the machine. Hammondsport had been carefully searched for a Union Jack to float beside the American flag as a reminder that Mr. Wanamaker's principal purpose in attempting to cross the Atlantic in an airboat is to bring the two countries closer together in the cause of international peace. But no Union Jack could be found, so in its stead a banner

was selected, whose large red background gave it some resemblance to the British flag and paid an indirect compliment to Great Britain. Miss Katherine Masson, a pretty black-eyed girl of sixteen was the sponsor.

It was an hour and a half after the christening before the America was fully equipped. Then, Lieut. Porte late of the British navy, and George E. A. Hallett, the two air pilots, took their places in the cabin, while the employees of the Curtiss factory looked on from the shore.

As the America was being launched someone suggested that Lieut. Porte should sail under his own colors as George Bateman, correspondent for The London Chronicle, sprang forward and pasted on the airboat, The America, which was launched in the foreground, maintained its equilibrium as it slid into the water and balanced perfectly on its own keel. The first flight will take place to-day.

# PICKING OUT CUP DEFENDER

Three America Cup Yachts Had a Thirty-Mile Race To-day.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] RYE, N.Y., June 23.—The three America Cup yachts, Resolute, Vanitie and Defiance, engaged in a thirty mile race, twice around a triangular course of 15 miles to-day. All three sloops have been re-rigged and overhauled since the contests off Sandy Hook ten days ago.

Resolute appeared to-day with a double head rig and a new club topsail, while Vanitie has a lighter boom and a new mainsail. Defiance has been completely re-rigged. She has lost her bowsprit and appeared like an immense knockabout. Her sail area has been cut down and she will

receive a time allowance from both Vanitie and Resolute.

With the change in the Resolute's head rig and sail area the time allowance which she had been receiving from the Vanitie has been reduced to a minute and thirty seconds over a thirty mile course. Captain Harry Haff, who succeeded Captain Dennis as sailing master of the Vanitie, said this morning that he believed that the Vanitie would furnish a great surprise to those who saw her in the earlier races against the Resolute.

# MEDICINE AND HUMAN LIFE

Average of Life Has Been Increased Fifteen Years, Say the Doctors.

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., June 23.—At the first general session of the sixty-fifth annual convention of the American Medical Association here to-day, Dr. Victor C. Vaughan was installed as president of the association, succeeding Dr. John A. Witherston of Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Vaughan made the service of medicine to civilization the subject of his inauguration address.

"In the last century the average of human life has been increased by fifteen years, and this increase, it is believed, will be duplicated in the next twenty years," he said, "if the facts we now possess were effectively employed.

"The further developments of medicine, both curative and preventive, depend on scientific investigations. The public is the beneficiary and should in every way encourage medical research. The Federal Government and the states should sustain and promote scientific research. That government is the best which secures for its citizens the greatest freedom from disease, the highest degree of health, and the longest life, and the people which most fully acquire the enjoyments of these blessings will dominate the world."

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# GRAND JURY MAKES THE ROUND

Recommendations Were Submitted to Judge Hardy on Tuesday.

The full report of the findings of the Grand Jury charged by Judge Hardy at the General Sessions of the County Court held on Monday, June 22nd was as follows: May I Please Your Honor; We, the Grand Jurors at the County Court for the County of Brant, beg to report as follows:

We wish to express our appreciation to Your Honor for your directions to us in regard to our duties as jurors. In compliance with these directions, we first visited the gaol, which at present contains but three inmates. We found everything in excellent condition reflecting great credit on the officials in charge. We might point out however, that the platform at the rear of the Turnkey's house is in a bad state of repair and should be replaced by one of cement. We would also suggest that the wood shed in the gaol yard be removed and be replaced by a more fireproof structure, placed in such a position in the gaol yard as to prevent its being an aid to prisoners in escaping.

We wish to congratulate the County Council on the general appearance of the Court House and grounds. We next visited the House of Refuge where we found things generally in a satisfactory condition. The inmates numbering some 43 appear to be contented and well looked after. Mr. Muir, the superintendent, would be eminently fitted for the position he holds. We note with satisfaction on reference to the records of the institution, that the number of inmates has decreased. With reference to the farm, we find the sewage tank to be in a unsanitary condition and would, therefore recommend that the city sewerage system be installed or a proper septic tank constructed.

We would suggest that the productive value of the land might be greatly increased by under-draining; also that a system of spraying be carried out as regards the orchard. We next visited the Brant Sanitarium, which reflects great credit on those responsible for the undertaking. It is serving a purpose, the need of which has been long felt in the county.

Lastly we visited the Brantford General Hospital, where everything appears to be well-managed and things running as smoothly as possible under present conditions. The new buildings when completed will add greatly to the facilities of this institution.

In conclusion we think that whereas the County Council has shown so much wisdom in improving the condition of the Court House and grounds, we would call their attention to the condition of the roads of this county. We would recommend that advantage be taken of the government grant and a beginning thus made at a system of good roads. We would also recommend that the toll system on the two remaining roads be discontinued as soon as possible.

All of which is respectfully submitted. Signed on behalf of the Grand Jury, F. J. CALBECK, Brantford, June 23rd, 1914.

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# IS ALARMED OVER JOHNSON'S ACTION

Walter Refuses to Accept Terms Offered Him for Next Season.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 24.—Whether Walter Johnson will be a member of the Washington team next season is still a matter of doubt. Walter had refused to accept the terms Griffith offered him, though these would give him a substantial increase over the amount he is drawing now, reported to be \$12,000.

Griffith has not only agreed to increase the figure but will make the contract irrevocable for a period of years, yet Johnson has not signified a willingness to sign it. He takes the position that it will be to his interest to wait.

Neither has Johnson accepted a proposition from the Wards, owners of the Brooklyn Federal League club nor made them a figure that he would accept. Jim Delehanty and Bill Bradley, however, took Walter to Ward and Ward told him that he could name his own figure if he was willing to sign a contract, and it is hinted that a proposition was made to hand him \$20,000 bonus the moment he fixed his signature to a contract.

Walter is playing a waiting game. He told Griffith that he wanted to remain a member of the Nationals if everything was even, but of course he is too good a business man to overlook a lot of money is he taking no chances and has it assured him.

Griffith contends that Walter's contract is binding, though it is for but one season, the reserve clause giving the club the right to continue it indefinitely. Legal authority has assured organized baseball that this agreement will be held up by the courts so that it may happen that if Johnson should desire to join the Federals he would be prevented from doing so.

But it is not the danger of losing Johnson that is giving Griffith concern, for he realizes that he is going to have a hard time signing all of his players for next season. Griffith's system of handling his men has been to pay them good salaries if they deserved it.

In this way most of the players are already receiving all the club can afford to pay; and when it comes to signing them for next season Griffith is not going to be in a position to offer substantial increases to a lot of men.

Some of the other clubs are in a better position in this respect. The St. Louis Browns for instance, were all signed up for next season during the recent Eastern trip. Hedges had them signed to such low figures that it was not a difficult matter to offer them increases and satisfy them, hence he did not experience much trouble in getting them in line.

Conditions on the Washington team, however, are different, for the reasons stated, and Griffith has good reasons for being alarmed.

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# RECITAL WAS AGAIN PLEASING

Academy of Music Pupils Show Advanced Knowledge and Skill.

The closing recital of the Academy of Music was held at the Victoria Hall last night. It was the last of three such recitals, junior, intermediate and senior and each in its turn showed particular brilliancy on the part of the performers many of whom are still of tender years. The three splendid programmes mark the end of a most successful season, successful notwithstanding the financial stringency which has covered over the Dominion

March of the success is attributed to the excellent teaching methods of the principal of the Academy, Mr. D. L. Wright, who uses exclusively the German method which is somewhat different to the English and American methods and is said to be more thorough.

The vocal successes of the last recital were most marked and great credit is due to Miss Nolan whose training abilities are rare. She was a pupil of the world famous Garcia, admittedly one of the finest exponents of the art of teaching vocalism that ever lived.

The excellence of the vocal artists last night leaves no room for distinction, each and every one of them showing a deep and well-founded knowledge of the soul of music and its dramatization. It was as if the cream of Brantford's musical geni had been gathered together for the delight of a large audience. The beautiful fantasies of Liszt, and the exquisite overtures of Mozart, rendered by expert fingers, held the hall in the thrall of their charm.

Miss Gertrude Brohman, the possessor of a sweet soprano voice, sang splendidly in "The Call of the Woods," while another soprano, Miss Marie Campbell, displayed a wonderful range of voice, when she rendered Gounod's "Cavatina" from Queen of Sheba. The excellence of Miss Elsie Senn's contralto tones, was demonstrated in her rendition of Liszt's "There Reigned a King in Thule," a fine dramatic work.

Mr. Charles Darwen put a great deal of feeling into his selection, "The Two Grenadiers" from Schumann.

Errol Gamble's ability on the violin is well known and needs no comment, suffice it to say he enhanced his reputation, giving Massenet's "Meditation" from Thais, and a Spanish dance, Bolero, by Manuel Vezes. Camper was no less brilliant in her delicate execution of Friml's Rezeda.

Two surprising piano quartettes were given by Misses Burr, O'Grady, Hutchinson, Carter and Mr. Wright, while Miss Vera Hodges and Mr. Wright gave a concerto in G minor and Brantford out of the running last season and went into the final themselves. A week from Saturday, July

The boys will get in a couple more good practices this week, as they have three hard games ahead of them during next week. London here on Saturday, Brantford at St. Mary's on Wednesday July 1st where a hard game awaits them, as St. Mary's put Brantford out of the running last season and went into the final themselves. A week from Saturday, July

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